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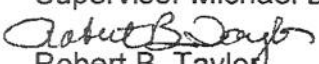
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To: Supervisor Don Knabe, Chairman
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From: 
Robert B. Taylor
Chief Probation Officer
Chair, Comprehensive Educational Reform Committee


Darline P. Robles
Superintendent, Los Angeles County Office of Education

Subject: **COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATIONAL REFORM IN THE JUVENILE
HALLS AND CAMPS STATUS REPORT**

On October 14, 2008, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, as amended by Supervisor Antonovich, the Board unanimously:

- 1) Approved the Comprehensive Educational Reform Committee's recommendations to reform education in the juvenile justice system;
- 2) Directed the Committee, in coordination with the Chief Executive Officer, to finalize an implementation schedule to move forward with all 35 recommendations, identify any additional funding or legislative needs;
- 3) Directed the Committee, in coordination with the CEO, to report back to the Board within 60 days, with subsequent progress reports due on a quarterly basis thereafter; and
- 4) Instructed the Acting Auditor-Controller to work jointly with the Superintendent of Schools to provide a report to be included with the implementation plan due in 60 days on:

- How existing dollars are being utilized, including all staff and other overhead costs, and how that compares to other Juvenile Court Schools in the State, including Orange and Ventura counties; and
- The difference, in dollars, between the current funding model and the change to a residential service delivery model and how the new model would impact the implementation of the 35 recommendations.

LACOE and Probation staff are in the process of finalizing the implementation action plan and have formed five working groups to:

- 1) Develop the Probation – LACOE MOU report card;
- 2) Determine ways to improve electronic data exchange of school records and performance data between LACOE and Probation;
- 3) Develop a school design that would function within a dependent charter school at Camps Scott and Scudder;
- 4) Develop a model career technical/vocational education (CTE/VE) program for Camp Routh; and
- 5) Develop parent education programs for parents of detained youth as well as detained youth that are parents.

Although several working group meetings have been conducted, additional time is necessary to develop and integrate our detailed implementation action plans, prepare the report, including the identification of any additional funding or legislative needs, and obtain the appropriate clearances. We anticipate our initial report to be completed by the end of January 2009, and will provide quarterly reports thereafter. In addition, the Auditor-Controller's Office will provide you, under separate cover, the status of their report. The Chief Executive Office has reviewed and concurs with this report.

Please contact us if you have any questions or if additional information is necessary, or your staff may contact Vincent Iaria, Executive Assistant, Probation, at (562) 940-2851, or Gerald Riley, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Programs, LACOE, at (562) 803-8301.

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